## SENATE BILL 2644

## By Gardenhire

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13 and Title 62, Chapter 35, relative to security guards/officers.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-116, is amended by deleting wherever it appears "first responder or nurse" and substituting "first responder, nurse, or healthcare facility security guard/officer".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-116(a), is amended by deleting "first responder's or nurse's" and substituting "first responder's, nurse's, or healthcare facility security guard/officer's".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-116(b), is amended by deleting "first responder or nurse's" and substituting the language "first responder's, nurse's, or healthcare facility security guard/officer's".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-116(d), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) "Healthcare facility security guard/officer" means a person who is licensed, registered, or certified under title 62, chapter 35 and is employed by, contracted with, or works in a healthcare facility licensed under title 33 or title 68, chapter 11.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.